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Based on an email from Helle Anderson dated November 19, 2007, EPA understands that the table presented below represents the estimated clam biomass obtained during the clam sampling effort that took place during the week of November 12, 2007.

Station	Number of Tows	Estimated Biomass (g)	Non-Depurated Sample			Depurated Sample
			LWG	EPA	Replicate	
01E	15	181	X	X	X	X
02W	16	92	X	X		X (17 g)
03W	18	40	X			
04W	16	36	X			
05E	15	73	X	X		
05W	24	39	X			
10W	16	88	X	X		X (13 g)
11E	11	150	X	X		X
12W	27*	31	X			
12E	19	111	X	X		X (36 g)

* Total number of tows including 7 or 8 done on the inside of the dock - the clams were found on the outside of the dock

EPA acknowledges that even though the target tissue mass of 140 g was not met at all stations, the minimum amount of clam tissue (35 g) necessary for chemical analysis was obtained at all but one station. In addition, EPA acknowledges that at many of the station locations more than FSP specified maximum of 15 tows were performed including station 12W where 27 tows resulted in an estimated biomass of

31g. As a result, EPA has determined that the clam sampling effort is complete. However, EPA recognizes that the amount of biomass presented in the above table is an estimate based on shell size and that at station 12W and perhaps other stations (e.g., 4W), elimination of low priority of chemical analyses and/or elevated detection limits may be required. Please provide actual sample mass from the analytical laboratory as soon as is practicable so that we may begin the discussion of chemical analysis.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Thanks, Eric